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Dear PRC,

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I know that I am probably wasting paper and the cost of postage... but please hear me out. I am writing to you to ask that you reconsider your decision to close the Post Office in Phippsburg, CO. 80469.

I understand the economics that guide this decision, but looking at it from an alternative point of view, in the big scheme of things the elimination of this station won't save you much either. Installing and maintaining cluster boxes is not inexpensive, especially when you already have existing boxes in place.

Closing this station will cause major problems for our elderly population (which is considerable). In case you are unaware, Phippsburg is at an elevation of 7500 ft., our winters are fierce. Snow removal from cluster boxes will be an inconvenience to say the least. Ice that will form around these boxes will definitely be a hazard to my elderly neighbors. Exposed fingers, required to turn keys, run a risk of becoming frostbitten (elderly people are more prone to this because of poor circulation). It is not uncommon for temperatures here to drop well below 0 degrees F. Our Post Office is a social networking site for our elderly (and not so elderly) too. You will be taking away one more of the few avenues of communication that helps hold the generations of this neighborhood together.

I know that it is easy to make decisions from a distance, when you don't have to be confronted by the personal daily impacts of that decision. Maybe you could send a representative out again in the dead of winter to fully understand what our community is trying to explain to you. Or better yet, really listen to what we are saying: Do the RIGHT thing, don't close this station, OUR station down.

Sincerely,



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